

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EG

SUBJECT: LIMITATION ON IMPORTED COMMODITIES

REF: CAIRO 19407

1. MINISTRY OF TRADE OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ORDER LIMITING PROFITS ON IMPORTED COMMODITIES "WAS EFFECTIVE" AS OF NOVEMBER 22, 1977. WE HAVE NO DETAILS, HOWEVER, ABOUT PRECISELY HOW LIMITATION ORDER IS BEING APPLIED OR - ENFORCED, AND IN ABSENCE ON OFFICIAL TRIP OF MINISTER OF TRADE AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO ELICIT PRECISE INFORMATION.

2. THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES DATA FROM RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON THE PERCENTAGE LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF GOODS:

-	(PERCENTAGES)
-	TOTAL IMPOR- WHOLE- RE-
-	TER SALER TAILER
- PACKED FOOD COMMODITIES	20 6 4 10
- NON-PACKED FOOD COMMODI-	30 9 6 15

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- TIES				
- YARDGOODS AND TEXTILES	30	7	3	20
- READY-MADE OUTER CLOTH-	35	7	3	25
- ING				
- COTTON UNDERWEAR	30	7	3	20
- WOOLEN BLANKETS	25	7	3	15
- ELECTRICAL MATERIALS	40	10	10	20

- INCLUDING WIRE FROM
- 1/2 MM TO 6 MM DIAMETER
- ELECTRICAL GENERATORS 40 12 8 20
- AND WIRES UP TO 10 MM
- DIAMETER
- HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS 30 10 5 15
- ELECTRIC LAMPS 40 10 10 20
- CIGARETTES 20 9.5 1.5 9
- SPARE PARTS AND TIRES 45 10 10 25
- FOR CARS
- TIRES (PRESUMABLY OTHER 30 10 5 15
- THAN AUTOMOBILE)
- PAINTS AND CHEMICALS 35 10 8 17
- METAL DUSTS 30 8 7 15
- PREPARED PAINTS 30 8 7 15
- GLASS 65 25 10 30
- WOOD 25 7 6 12
- CEMENT 25 7 6 12

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